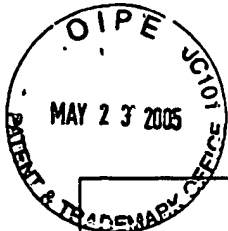


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response to the Office action mailed on March 28, 2005.

The Applicants respectfully requests consideration of the amendments by the Examiner although submitted after Final Rejection. The amendments submitted herewith focus the subject matter of the claims 15, will simplify examination, and better place the claims in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.